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Finance and Trade

Developments of the Week and Their Bearing on the Outlook

Politics was no match for economics as a stock market influence last week. Just as the much-heralded pre-election rally failed to become a reality, so expectations for an upward movement in stocks after the nation-wide process of marking ballots failed to materialize. The tradition of a Presidential election boom received a blow of negation this year, but four years hence it is likely to become revived again to stir the hopes of speculators. From the standpoint of security holders the outcome of last week's voting was perhaps the quintessence of the favorable and, though a Republican victory had long been conceded, such overwhelming pluralities were not anticipated even by party members. If the stock market had not been beset with adverse factors in the credit and the international exchange markets and with further evidences of recession in industry, the character of the victory might have imparted the energy necessary for an ephemeral spur in quotations.

One novel important influence took its place among the older forces which swayed the course of security prices.

At 6 o'clock Monday evening the directors of the Southern Pacific Company surprised the public by announcing their intention to segregate the fabulously rich oil lands from the railroad properties of the company. Instead of permitting knowledge of the purpose surreptitiously to seep through gradually from the aristocracy of the informed to the democracy of the un-informed, the board, thinking more of the stockholders of the company than of precedent, immediately made public their tentative program, so that all might share alike from the melon that is expected. Despite the strength of the stock for days before the announcement was made, the news had not been discounted, as the subsequent rise clearly demonstrated. The development stimulated the imagination of traders, who eagerly bought the stocks of other high grade roads, such as the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Reading, which they hoped might pursue similar courses for the benefit of the stockholders. The cutting of the melon adds no real wealth to property. In the long run it always detracts from the value of the original security. However, in the Southern Pacific case the new plan makes the wealth of the oil lands immediately available for the profit of the stockholders instead of a remote and always uncertain possibility.

Railroad stocks, particularly those of the dividend-paying roads, were up for the week, but industrials moved lower. The trend is measured by The Tribune averages, which show that twenty railroad stocks rose during the week from 74.45 to 75.80, while those of thirty industrial corporations slumped from 88.55 to 82.80, making the decline of the fifty stocks from 79.90 to 78.82. Although the trend was toward slightly lower quotations, bond averages revealed little net change.

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For the current week there is no sign of immediate change in the industrial and trade situation. The survey of conditions in fourteen principal industrial cities in the United States presented in yesterday's Tribune, measured the extent of depression and also corresponding reductions in demand deposits are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's statement of condition on October 29 of 523 member banks in leading cities. The statement also shows considerable withdrawals of government funds and substantially increased borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks.

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For all reporting banks this item is shown at amounts smaller and for the New York City banks about 70.1 millions, smaller than ever before. As a consequence of these changes the banks' total loans and investments show a reduction for the week of \$5.5 millions (57.2 millions for the member banks in New York City). Accommodation of reporting banks at the Federal Reserve banks, as shown in the ratio of accommodation from 14.9 to 10.6 per cent, is shown.

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